Notification, dated 24th March 1898.

The exclusive right of transporting passengers, goods, vehicles, animals, &c., and of collecting at the ferries specified in the annexed list will be put up to auction on the dates specified therein by the Amildar or Sheristadar at each taluk head-quarters, subject to confirmation by the Deputy Commissioner.

2. The auction will begin at 12 noon on the days fixed, and will, if necessary, be continued on the following days.

3. The ferries will be leased out for twelve months from the 1st July 1898 to 30th June 1899, both days inclusive.

4. The monopoly covers only so much of the river as lies within 500 yards on each side of the ferry. The Deputy Commissioner forbids the transport, within these limits, of passengers, &c., as aforesaid, and the collection of tolls therefor, except by or on behalf of the lessee or other person authorized by the Deputy Commissioner.

5. The accepted bidder shall, immediately on the declaration of the acceptance of his bid, produce before the officer conducting the sales one-fourth of the accepted bid, failing which, the lease will be re-sold at the first purchaser's risk.

6. The accepted bidder shall, within four days of the acceptance of the bid, execute, in favor of the Deputy Commissioner, an agreement on a stamped paper with two tangible sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract, and deliver it to the Amildar or Sheristadar as the case may be, and thereupon the Deputy Commissioner will authorize the executant of the said muchalika to enter into his contract. If the accepted bidder fails to execute and deliver the muchalika, the lease will be re-sold or otherwise disposed of at the defaulting bidder's risk, the deposit already made being forfeited to Government.

7. Where there are no boats or "tokaras" they shall be provided by the lessees at all the ferries. The boats kept by the lessees shall always be of the size and quality approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Executive Engineer, or Amildar.

8. Wherever boats and platforms are provided by Government, they shall be returned to Government on the termination of the lease or on being demanded by the Deputy Commissioner or other officer authorized by him, on the same condition on which they were supplied to him; subject only to reasonable wear and tear. Loss or damage arising from neglect or want of care shall be made good by the lessee. The lessee shall always be bound to keep the ferries or boats in good order and clean.

9. The lessee shall be entitled to collect tolls at the rates specified in the list hereto annexed, and no fee or toll shall be demanded in the cases enumerated below:—

(*a*) Government mails, stores and remittances, and all persons, animals and vehicles employed in carrying the same.

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Government officials, including troops travelling on duty, and also, in the case of police officers, prisoners and property in their custody.

parties employed by Government servants to carry official reports, when so carrying such reports.

en under 12 years of age.

uty Commissioner is, at any time and for any length of time, at liberty to attach rry boats for the conveyance of troops, camp equipage and followers, and the con- s and their servants will be bound to give all reasonable assistance to ensure their nd safe carriage.

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the contract amount shall be paid by the lessee to Government in nine mencing from July 1898, the deposit being credited to the last three "khists". made in the treasury of the taluk in which the ferry lies.

ry a board, showing the rates and the weight to be carried, should be put up in the lessee at all times when the ferry is worked, excepting those places where e Deputy Commissioner.

ommissioner reserves to himself the power of accepting or rejecting any bid asons therefor.

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shall have a sufficient number of boats in readiness at either side of the ferry ails, travellers, passengers, animals, carriages, &c., are not unnecessarily de- ght, but are ferried over with expedition.